

**Sarah  
Harding**

*Senior Living*

June 28, 2018  
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the City of Clinton's **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

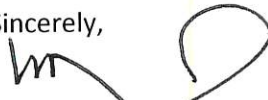
I am proud to support the 2018 BUILD grant application submitted to you by the City of Clinton. The City's proposed **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** project will enhance access to essential services, including multiple healthcare providers, provide a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school, bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, and support increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes.

The Sarah Harding Senior Living has been located on Bluff Blvd since the 1950's and know firsthand how important this would be to complete this project. Many residents at Sarah Harding continue to drive their vehicles. These vehicles are constantly traversing both Bluff Blvd and Manufacturing road. The ability to improve this nearly 100 years old roadway that has been witnessed to more than 400 crashes in just the last 5 years alone in addition to severe flooding incidents over the last few years. This project includes the complete reconstruction of Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard from US Route 30 to 7th Avenue North

This project does not just improve the roadway surface but improves the quality of life to residents of Sarah Harding the surrounding area to adding high-speed fiber and broadband network. This infrastructure, which will position the City of Clinton to be a 21<sup>st</sup> century leader. It also includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to a good state of repair.

The **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** project is a necessary and worthwhile investment which will have an intense impact on the future viability of the area. Consistent with the goals of the BUILD grant program, this project will improve safety, provide good a state of repair, foster innovation and provide a much-needed boost to economic vitality for not only the City but the surrounding region as well. For these reasons I fully support this project.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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